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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121, this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
 - I. Figures 1a, 1b, 2a-2c, 7, 11a-11b, 12a-12d, and 13a-13b, are drawn to a laser diode pump for pumping a laser medium, classified in class 372, subclass 71.
 - II. Figures 3a-3b, 4a-4c, 5, 8a-8d, and 9a-9c, are drawn to pumping light beam optics, classified in class 372, subclass 101.
 - III. Figure 6, is drawn to a laser gain medium, classified in class 372, subclass 109.
 - IV. Figure 10, is drawn to a laser absorber, classified in class 372, subclass 75.
 - V. Figure 15, is drawn to a diode array pumping device and a regenerative amplifier laser system, classified in class 372, subclass 25.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, none of the claims generic to the species as set forth in Groups I – V above.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung (Michael) T Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-7159. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Ip can be reached on (703) 308-3098. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 306-5511 for regular communications and (703) 306-5511 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-3329.

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